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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK						
In re	Chapter 11					
DELPHI CORPORATION	Case No. 05-44481 (RDD)					
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)					

OBJECTION OF UNITED STEEL, PAPER & FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION TO NOTICE OF ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS OR UNEXPIRED LEASES TO BE ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED TO PARNASSUS HOLDINGS II, LLC UNDER MODIFIED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

### TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The United Steel, Paper & Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union ("USW") by and through their undersigned co-counsel hereby objects to Debtor's Notice Of Assumption And Assignment With Respect To Certain Executory Contracts Or Unexpired Leases To Be Assumed And Assigned To Parnassus Holdings II, LLC Under Modified Plan Of Reorganization (the "Assumption and Assignment Motion").

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. Delphi and the USW and its Local 87L ("Local 87L") are parties to collective bargaining agreements covering Delphi's Home Avenue plant in Dayton, Ohio and the Vandalia, Ohio plant. At presently approximately 140 bargaining unit employees are employed at the Vandalia facility, while the remaining members of the Home Avenue bargaining unit were laid off earlier this year.
- 2. The vast majority of the bargaining unit employees represented by the USW are participants in the Delphi Hourly Rate Pension Plan ("Delphi HRP").
- 3. The USW also represents several thousand retired Delphi employees and surviving spouses who currently receive benefits from the Delphi HRP, and a significant number of former Delphi employees who do not yet receive benefits from the HRP but are vested in the HRP and eligible to receive benefits upon reaching the relevant age, as defined by the documents governing the HRP.
- 4. The terms of the USW represented employees' and retirees' rights in the HRP is governed by, <u>inter alia</u>, a series of agreements between Debtor Delphi Corporation ("Delphi"), the USW, and, in some instance, between Delphi, the USW, and General Motors Corporation ("GM").
- 5. On or about August 16, 2007, the USW, Debtor Delphi and GM entered into an agreement entitled "Term sheet Delphi Pension Freeze And Cessation Of OPEB, and GM Consensual triggering of benefit guarantee" agreement. A copy of that agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and referred to as the August, 2007 Term Sheet.
- 6. The 2007 Term Sheet governs benefit accruals under the HRP, the freezing of those benefit accruals, Delphi's cessation of certain USW post-retirement medical benefits and

employer paid post-retirement life insurance benefits (referred to "OPEB"), and the triggering of a December, 1999 benefit guarantee between GM and the USW.

- 7. The August 2007 Term Sheet was to become effective when a number of conditions were satisfied, including "the substantial consummation of a plan of reorganization proposed by Delphi in its Chapter 11 cases . . . as confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, which incorporates, approves and is consistent with all of the terms of this Term Sheet and the comprehensive settlement agreement between Delphi and GM." August, 2007 Term Sheet, ¶2. The other conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the August, 2007 Term Sheet have been met.
- 8. The August 2007 Term Sheet provided that when it became effective, pension accruals for USW represented employees will be frozen. Term Sheet, ¶3. Despite the freezing of the pension accruals, Delphi was to continue to maintain the HRP for USW-represented participants.
- 9. As a result of the delays in the reorganization process, on or about September 26, 2008, Debtor, GM, and the USW entered into an agreement entitled "USW Delphi GM implementation Agreement Regarding 414(l) Transfers, Implementation Of Term Sheet, Delphi Pension Freeze And Cessation of OPEB, And Application Of Releases." (the "September, 2008 Agreement")
- 10. In the September, 2008 Agreement, the USW agreed to modify the August, 2007 Term Sheet by moving up the pension accrual freeze date from the effective date of the August, 2007 Agreement that is, the date that a plan would be confirmed to October 1, 2008. No other provisions of the 2007 Agreement relative to Delphi's obligation to maintain the HRP were modified.

#### **OBJECTION**

- 11. Pursuant to ¶32 of this Court's June 16, 2009 Modification Procedures Order, the USW, which is a counter party to collective bargaining agreements and other agreements with Debtor described below, hereby objects to the cure amount listed as zero dollars in the Assumption And Assignment Motion, Schedule 2, and to the failure of Debtor to specify which USW agreements it is assuming and assigning.
- 12. The USW is prepared and willing into enter into discussions with Debtor to clarify and, hopefully, resolve or at least narrow the issues raised herein.
- 13. In its Assumption And Assignment Motion, Debtor states that it will assume and assign to Parnassus a "Collective Bargaining Agreement" with the USW. (A copy of Schedule 2 to Debtor's Assumption And Assignment Motion is attached as Exhibit A.) In addition, in Schedule 2, Debtor indicates that the cure amount is zero.
- 14. Despite the fact that Schedule 2 states that Debtor is assuming and assigning a "Collective Bargaining Agreement," in fact the USW and Debtor are parties to two collective bargaining agreements one covering the Home Avenue Plant and one covering the Vandalia Plant and August 16, 2007 and September 26, 2008 agreements relating to pension and OPEB. It is unclear from Schedule 2 whether Debtor is assuming some or all of these agreements and on this basis the USW objects. Also, it is unclear whether the pension obligations arising out of these agreements are being assumed. For this reason, the USW objected to the proposed Modified Plan Of Reorganization (Docket No. 18258) The USW has sought clarification of this from debtor. However, to date, no definitive clarification has been received.
- 15. Schedule 2 also lists a cure amount of zero. The USW objects to this because, in fact, it is inaccurate. Under the Vandalia and Home Avenue collective bargaining agreements, Debtor's employees have earned accrued sick pay, vacation pay, and other benefits. While the USW does not take the position that these accrued benefits need to be paid out in total upon

assumption and assignment, it is the USW's position that, upon assumption, they must be paid out in the ordinary course. In addition, Debtor is indebted to the USW and current and former USW employees for post-petition obligations, in an un-liquidated amount, which are described in the USW's Addendum To Administrative Expense Claim, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B.

- 16. The USW also has a number of unresolved post-petition grievances arising under the Home Avenue and Vandalia collective bargaining agreements. While the total amount due under these grievances is un-liquidated, the USW estimates it is at least \$8,676,650.00. See, Exhibit B. The USW does not take the position that these grievances must be paid out in full at this time. However, it is USW's position that they must be treated in the ordinary course. Thus, if the USW prevails before an arbitrator on some or all these grievances, and if the arbitrator orders certain payments to be made in connection with the grievances, it is the USW's position that those payments must be paid subject to the general right of any employer to seek to vacate an arbitration award. The USW has sought but has not, to date, received definitive information from Debtor on this point.
- 17. "An assignment of a contract as such involves a commitment by the assignee to perform all obligations under the contract, as well as to acquire all rights created by the contract." American Flint Glass Workers v. Anchor Resolution Corp., 197 F.3d 76, 81 (3d Cir. 1999). If a debtor chooses to assume a collective bargaining agreement, "it assumes the contract cum onere, . . . , and the expenses and liabilities incurred maybe treated as administrative expenses, which are afforded the highest priority on the debtor's estate, 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(1)(A) . . . ." NLRB v. Bildisco & Bildisco, 465 U.S. 513, 531-532 (1984).
- 18. Under these circumstances, the Modified Plan Of Reorganization should be amended to provide that, in accepting the assumption and assignment of the USW Home Avenue and Vandalia collective bargaining agreements, Parnassus acknowledges and agrees that it shall

pay in the ordinary course all post-petition obligations arising under those collective bargaining agreements, whenever those obligations arose, including obligations arising out of grievances filed prior to the closing date, and also agrees to assume the pension obligations arising out of these agreements and the August 16, 2007 and September 26, 2008 USW – Delphi - GM agreements.

19. Absent such language, debtor's attempt to assume and assign the USW collective bargaining agreements cannot relieve it of the pension and post-petition obligations arising under those agreements.

Dated:

New York, New York

July 17, 2009

By:\_\_\_\_

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## Schedule 2 – Other Executory Contracts Or Unexpired Leases (Including Customer Contracts)

Unless identified as a rejected contract or lease pursuant to Article VIII of the Modified Plan, all contracts or leases primarily relating to business conducted at any of the Debtors' manufacturing facilities, including, but not limited to, the contracts and leases listed on this Schedule, will be assumed by the Debtors and assigned to Parnassus, other than contracts or leases primarily relating to (a) the Debtors' Steering business, including but not limited to, business conducted at the manufacturing facilities located in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Rochester, New York (excluding the Henrietta technical center); Kokomo, Indiana (including the Cuneo Warehouse, and including the technical center); and Lockport, New York (including the technical center), and (c) business conducted at certain manufacturing facilities located in Athens, Alabama; Fitzgerald, Georgia; New Castle, Indiana; Olathe, Kansas; Flint, Michigan; Saginaw, Michigan (Chassis); Clinton, Mississippi; Columbus, Ohio; Cortland, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Kettering, Ohio; Ravenna, Ohio; Warren, Ohio; Columbia, Tennessee; and Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Non-Debtor Counterparty	Applicable Manufacturing <u>Facility</u>	Contract(s)	Cure Amount (If Any)1	Rejected Contracts (If Any)
United Steelworkers	International Union	Collective Bargaining Agreement	\$0.00	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The cure amounts, if any, relating to contracts noted with "\*" are currently disputed pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Confirmed Plan and the December 10 Solicitation Procedures Order.

# **EXHIBIT B**

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	: :	Chapter 11
DELPHI CORPORATION,	: :	Case No. 05-44481
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## ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM ON BEHALF OF UNITED STEELWORKERS

United Steel Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial, and Service Workers International Union, Five Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222, on behalf of itself and its Local Union 87L (together, "USW"), submits this Addendum to Administrative Expense Claim ("Claim") as a creditor as follows:

1. USW is the collective bargaining representative of certain employees of Delphi Corporation (the "Debtor"). USW is and has been a party to collective bargaining agreements ("CBAs")<sup>1</sup> with the Debtor covering employees at its Home Avenue and Vandalia facilities, which are located at or about Dayton, Ohio. USW also is the authorized representative for purposes of Section 1114 of the Code, 11 U.S.C. § 1114, of those persons receiving retiree benefits pursuant to collective bargaining agreements between the Debtor and the USW. The undersigned is authorized by the USW to make this Claim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtor possesses these documents.

- 2. The Debtor was, is and continues to be in breach of its obligations to the USW. The USW makes this Claim on behalf of itself, its Local Union 87L, and present and former employees (and surviving spouses) of the Debtor, for claims related to the CBAs between the USW and the Debtor, as well as certain statutory obligations.
- 3. As a matter of law, the USW is authorized to file this Claim as a creditor for and on behalf of itself and certain employees and former employees (and surviving spouses) of the Debtor, and claimant makes this Claim on behalf of itself and certain employees and former employees (and surviving spouses) of the Debtor.
- 4. Without intending to limit any amounts described on the schedules filed in these cases, the Debtor was and is indebted to the USW and the present and former employees of the Debtor as follows<sup>2</sup>:
  - A Ordinary Course Employee
    Obligations, including
    Accrued Vacation, Union dues,
    Employee Deductions,
    Unpaid Holiday Pay, Unpaid Sick Leave,
    Unreimbursed Medical, Drug, Accident,
    Sickness and Disability Expenses,
    Unreimbursed Other Expenses, Unpaid
    Contributions to employee benefit funds,
    and all other moneys which may be due
    under the CBAs, including but not
    limited to wages, shift differentials,
    premiums, leave, holidays and SUB
    benefits. 3

Unliquidated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These are current, good faith estimates. The USW reserves the right to amend this Claim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Debtor was also authorized to make these payments pursuant to certain first day orders of the Court.

B. Grievances.

<u>Unliquidated, but at at least \$8,676,650.00</u>. See Exhibit 1.

C. All amounts owing under 2007 Settlements.

Unliquidated.

- 5. Claimant demands any and all priority to the extent permitted under 11 U.S.C. §§ 507(a)(1), 507(a)(3), 507 (a)(4), 1113 and 1114.
- 6. Claimant reserves the right to establish the liability of all amounts due under the CBA pursuant to the grievance and arbitration provisions of the CBA and Section 1113(f).
- 7. The consideration for the Debtor's obligations is services rendered, as well as contractual.
- 8. Claimant has not received any payment, security, check or other evidence of this debt other than any payments that may have been authorized by the Bankruptcy Court and paid.
- 9. This Claim shall be deemed as filed against all appropriate debtor(s) if it is determined that the claim described herein arises against other debtor(s).

Dated: July 10, 2009

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List of Open Grivances Re: Fred Alexander and Gary Adams

Grievance No.	First Name	Last Name	Type
	Barg	ined in Bad Faith a	Bargined in Bad Faith agreed Settlement Never Paid
M 54084	Gary	Adams	38e
M 52116	Rick	Ashburn	Grp
M 52082	Edward	Skinner	-
M 52081	Greg	Kochersperger	
M 52197	Greg	Conley	Grp
M 52080	Daniel	Duffy	
M 52575	Harold	Conners	
M 53438	Rodney	Lawson	Grp
M 52221	Richard	Cope	
M 53596	Stephen	Teague	
M 53406	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52115	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52101	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52107	Albert	Stanifer	
M 53422	Albert	Stanifer	
M 53416	Albert	Stanifer	
M 53544	Albert	Stanifer	
M 53539	Albert	Stanifer	
M 53526	Albert	Stanifer	Grp
M 52161	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52182	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52117	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52126	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52118	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52174	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52879	Albert	Stanifer	
M 52196	Albert	Stanifer	
M52173	Rodney	Lawson	Gro

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